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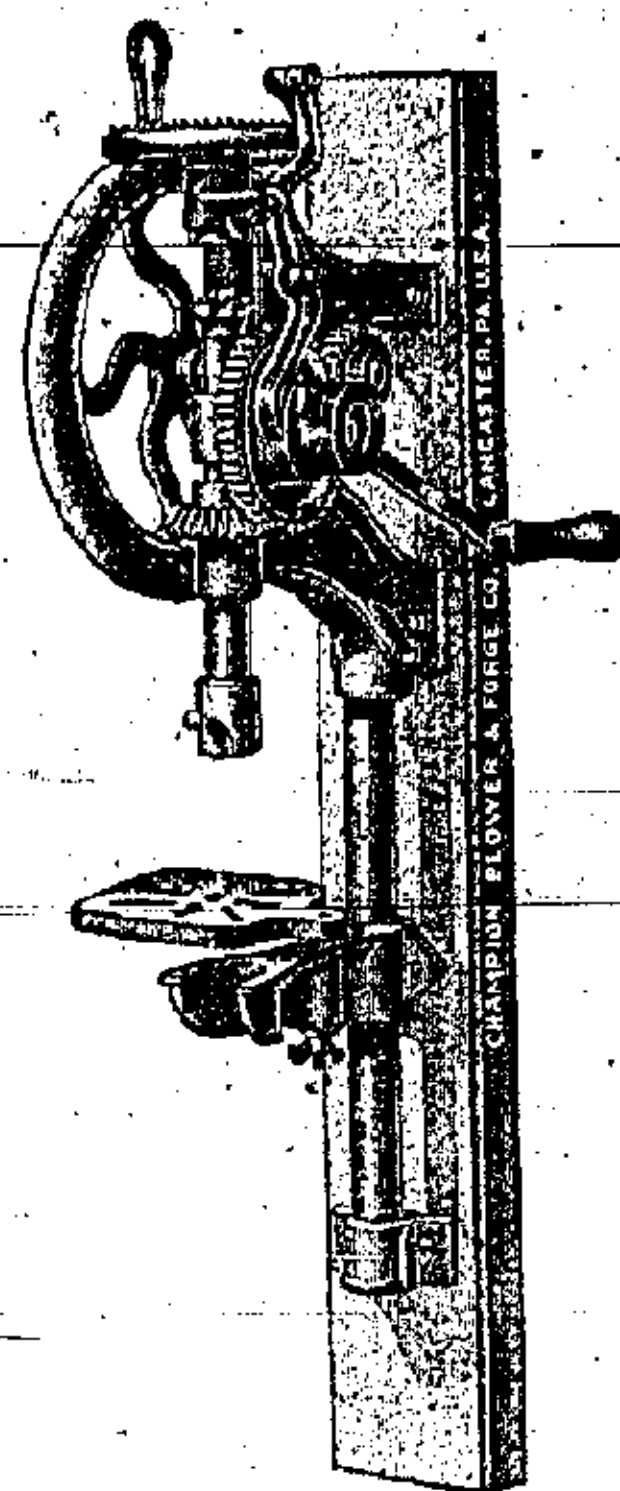
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THE REST.

Admission—Non-Members, 50 cents;  
Soldiers, Sailors and Boys, Half-Price.  
Hongkong, October 3, 1900. 2050

## THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that  
the Premium of \$25.00 per SHARE of  
the NEW ISSUE of CAPITAL Authorized  
at the Extraordinary General Meeting of  
the Company held on 4th May, 1900, is  
PAYABLE on or before MONDAY, the  
1st of October Next.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 27th to  
the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 21, 1900. 1958

## CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held at the Office of  
the Undersigned at 12 o'clock (Noon), on  
SATURDAY, the 24th Proximo.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 24th inst.  
to the 13th Proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHISON & Co.,  
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Canton Insurance Office, Limited.  
Hongkong, September 24, 1900. 1973

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NOTICE is hereby given that the FINAL  
CALL of \$1.00 per SHARE has  
been made in respect of the Shares not  
being PAID UP, and that such CALL is  
PAYABLE on 5th October next, to the  
Undersigned at the Registered Office of  
the Company, 38 and 40 Queen's Road  
Central, Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 4, 1900. 1840

## HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NEW ISSUE SHARES.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified  
that the SECOND CALL of \$3.00  
(THREE DOLLARS) per SHARE has  
been made and is PAYABLE at the  
Company's Office, No. 4, Queen's Buildings  
on or before 1st November, 1900.

Shareholders are requested when paying  
the above-mentioned Call to send to the  
Company's Agents their provisional Share  
certificates for endorsement.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, September 29, 1900. 2013

## HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

TENDERS are invited for the ALLOT-  
MENT of the NEW ISSUE of 400,000  
NEW SHARES (400,000 SHARES) DOLLARS  
Five per Share Paid-up, PAYABLE on  
the 1st of November, 1900.

Tenders will be received up to the 20th  
of October. No Tenders under par will  
be considered, and the Allotment will be  
made pro rata to Shareholders.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, September 24, 1900. 2020

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MR. A. TAGG'S FURNITURE STORE  
will be REMOVED to Des Voeux  
Road, New Praya, opposite the Office of  
the P. and O. S. N. Co., on or about the  
30th inst.

Owing to the alterations not being com-  
plete, business will not be transacted at the  
new building for two or three weeks, but  
will be resumed at an early date. Con-  
sumers are respectfully requested to call at  
or send communications to Nos. 27 and 28,  
Lee Yuen Street East, their temporary  
Store.

Hongkong, September 27, 1900. 1957

## NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

NEITHER the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS,  
nor the Owners of the British Steamer  
'ADATO', will be RESPONSIBLE for  
any DEBTS Contracted by the Officers, En-  
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in Hongkong Harbour.

Hongkong, October 3, 1900. 2040

## W. HUTTON POTTS.

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### Business Notices.

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For Terms, Etc., Apply to  
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Hongkong, September 7, 1900. 1957

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 3, 1900. 2043

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Hongkong, September 21, 1900. 1953

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**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**  
Shipping.  
4 p.m.—Malacca leaves for London.  
Miscellaneous.  
Final Call of 11.00 per Share of the  
Tobacco Planting Co., Ltd., due.

### General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, October 6.—  
Goods per *Admiral* undelivered after  
this date, subject to rent.  
SUNDAY, October 7.—  
9 a.m.—*Lowang* excursion to Macao.  
MONDAY, October 8.—  
Goods per *Lowang* undelivered before  
Noon, subject to rent.  
Goods per *Savona*, undelivered after  
this date, subject to rent.  
WEDNESDAY, October 10.—  
Goods per *Oldenburg* undelivered after  
this date, subject to rent.  
THURSDAY, October 11.—  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the  
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
at No. 1, Queen's Buildings.  
9 p.m.—Meeting of St. Mary Magdalene  
Chapter.  
SATURDAY, October 13.—  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the  
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.  
WEDNESDAY, October 17.—  
Final Call of 50 Cents per Share of the  
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Limited, due.  
TUESDAY, October 22.—  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the  
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
at the Company's Office.  
THURSDAY, November 1.—  
Second Call of 80 per Share of the Hong-  
kong Electric Co., Ltd., due.

### Opium Quotations.

HONGKONG, October 4, 1900.  
New Patna, cash, 880  
Old Patna, cash, 880  
New Benares, cash, 880  
Old Benares, cash, 880  
New Malwa, credit, 810/830  
Allowance, Teels, 1/4 catty  
Last Year, 840/860  
Allowance, Teels, 1/4 catty  
Old Malwa credit, 870/890  
Allowance, Teels, 1/4 catty  
Peshawar, credit, 880/890  
Peshawar, credit, 880/890  
Allowance, Teels, 1/4 catty

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The publication of this issue commenced at 5.25 p.m.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1900.

For exporting for sale a quantity of rotten apples, a Chinaman was, to-day, fined \$3.

The English and German Mails of the 1st September and 23rd August were delivered in London on the 1st Oct. and 29th September.

**Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.**  
We are informed by Messrs John D. Humphreys and Son, General Managers of Oliver's Freehold Mines Limited, that they have received a telegram from the mines giving the result of last month's crushings as follows:—490 tons of quartz crushed for a yield of 287 ounces retorted gold; mill ran 25 days.

**No Business There.**  
A Chinaman, described as belonging to a junk, was seen yesterday in the neighbourhood of Kowloon Naval Yard. He had no business to be where he was, and, his movements being suspicious, he was arrested. Mr. Hazeland, at the Magistracy to-day, inflicted on him a fine of \$10, with the alternative of imprisonment for three weeks with hard labour.

**Another Letter Case.**  
This morning Sergeant Gurney noticed a Chinaman with a bundle in his hand in Wing Lok Street. On examining the bundle the Sergeant discovered that it contained letters, all of which were addressed to people in Hongkong. As this constituted a breach of the privilege of the Post-Master General the man was arrested, and, to-day, Mr. Hazeland fined him the sum of \$50.

**A Missing Officer.**  
We understand that telegraphic enquiries have been received at the Military Headquarters, Hongkong, from India, respecting the whereabouts of Major J. G. Moore, I.M.S., who has been on leave in China since last May. A Simla telegram in our last night's issue intimated that instructions had been sent to Major Moore to report himself to the P. M. O. Expeditionary Force, for any vacancy that may arise. The missing officer has not reported himself at Hongkong and nothing is known of his whereabouts at Peking.

**An Outrageous Marine.**  
A Royal Marine has forfeited a very good character by getting drunk last night in the Wanchai district, creating a scene on the street, and cruelly ill-treating and killing a fowl valued at 70 cents the property of a Chinaman. He appeared before Mr. Hazeland, at the Magistracy to-day. He said he was drunk and knew nothing about his ill-treatment of the fowl. Evidence was led, which showed that prisoner, although very much under the influence of liquor, was able to keep up his legs. He ran after a Chinaman who was carrying a hen and tried to steal it. The Chinaman let the hen fall, and then an exciting chase commenced. Prisoner thrashed violently at the terrified fowl with his stick and ultimately succeeded in knocking it over. He then picked it up and cruelly wrenched its head off. Mr. Hazeland, taking into consideration the previous good conduct of accused, fined him \$5, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment.

**A Local Author.**  
Mr. Rounselle Willman's latest book entitled "China's Open Door," is well spoken of by Hon. Charles Denby, former U.S. Minister to China. Colonel Denby says: "The book opens up vistas of information which until now have been unknown to the general reader. It is written in pure English. It is clear, concise, in language easy to understand. The author's own sound declaration is that to understand Chinese history you must know the people. Knowing them, he has built up, step by step, a succinct history of China from its early days, down to the opening of the uprisal of the 'Boxers.' A fund of anecdote, and character painting is found in these pages, much of which is absolutely new. Also, in some respects books about China will have to be re-written! Japan turned a new leaf when she taught the sleeping giant what modern fire-arms could accomplish. The book is valuable because it tells you accurately, with dates, things you know and many things that you do not know. From 1860 to the spring of 1900, the history is minutely accurate."

**Temperature.**  
(Taken at Messrs. Palmer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)  
HONGKONG, October 4, 1900.  
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 29.95  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 29.90  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.85  
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 81  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 82  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 82  
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 74  
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 74  
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 73  
Do. Maximum ... 82  
Do. Minimum overnight ... 70

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**Cheap Excursion to Macao.**  
The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. advertise a special cheap excursion to Macao on Sunday, when the procession of our Lady of Rosario is announced to take place. The steamer *Hinem* will leave Hongkong at 9 a.m., returning from Macao at 10 p.m. The fare is \$2.50 return. Tickets may be purchased at the Company's Office or on board the steamer before she leaves.

**With Foul Intent.**  
A bad character, who has been through the police hands before, was found this morning at 1.40, loitering about in one of the Chinese localities with a couple of bamboo-sticking tools in his possession. It was suspected that he was smoking around for no good purpose, so the policeman who found him conveyed him promptly to the Central. He was brought before Mr. Hazeland, who agreed with the police, looking to prisoner's past history, that he was loitering around with foul intent. He accordingly gave orders that prisoner be locked up for a month with hard labour.

**Dreadful Yau-mat.**  
Mr. Hazeland's idea of Yau-mat is that it is a dreadful place, and who has a better opportunity of judging? During the past few months his Worship has had many cases, some of them of a very serious nature from this locality, and it would almost seem that the village is the happy hunting ground for the baser sort of the Yau territory. An interesting case was taken to-day. Seven villainous-looking junk-men were charged (1) with assaulting a Chinese constable in the execution of his duty, when he went on board a junk to arrest a deportee, and (2) with rescuing the deportee after he had been arrested. It seemed that the constable mentioned having got information concerning the deportee went on board one of the junks lying near Mongkok to arrest him. He got hold of the 'wanted' by the queue and got him on shore, when he was attacked by the seven ruffians in the docks. Nos. 1 and 3 were armed with an axe and a chopper respectively. The constable sustained several severe wounds, one on the right cheek, and others on the left hand and wrist. The object of the prisoners to cut the deportee's queue was ultimately attained, and the prisoner escaped by jumping into the water, leaving his queue behind him. The constable got assistance, and the seven prisoners were arrested. They were brought before the Police Magistrate to-day and Nos. 1 and 3 were sent to prison for six months with hard labour, the others being ordered to jail for three months with hard labour.

### THE KING OF SPANGLE ALLEY.

In a famous place for East Quai a month from hence at least there lived a little King—A most important King—And all his subjects lived in Spangle Alley. Amongst these subjects mild came strangers bold and wild With horses, saucy dogs, (Just fancy saucy dogs,) And took three houses in this Spangle Alley. The houses in this street—They looked both grim and neat—Looked some and sundry things—Some most important things, No names, for instance, in their Spangle Alley. The Stranger King said then Let's name these houses, men, Perhaps a little King, Our most important King, Would like to see some named in Spangle Alley. With pot and paint, ye ken, These kindly, thoughtless men Upon each gateway spat, Right on each gateway spat, Did christen houses in this Spangle Alley. There was Braggard's of fame, Virtue Vill—milder name—And one or two besides, Quite one of two besides, Quite one of two besides, Which shed a lustre 'pon this Spangle Alley. Their work done they retired, The subjects came, admired, 'Twould please their King, Their mighty King, To see things done so well in Spangle Alley. But the King arose in wrath, Said 'You stranger, folk go forth, I've had enough of you, With your saucy strange ways, And yer warts than foreign traits, Go 'south; go north; go out of Spangle Alley.' The strangers then set forth, They straggled they could go North, With their horses, saucy dogs, Poor horses saucy dogs, And thus they left the street called Spangle Alley. Thus left these men of race—Some 'Chinese took their place—The King profers these folk, Such mild good-natured folk, To occupy a house in Spangle Alley. The houses now once more Are named as before, The clothes hung out to dry, Show all the passers-by That this must be the famous Spangle Alley.

**HONGKONG POLO CLUB.**  
Mr. J. H. Lewis having kindly presented four cups to be played for in a tournament, the following are the teams drawn by the Polo Committee:  
Mr. Baker, Mr. Gayer, Mr. Hill, Mr. May, Mr. McVittie, Mr. Loring, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Labouchere, Mr. Williams, Mr. Mulken, Lt. Condr. W. J. Major Kettwell.  
The dates of play are as follows:—Friday, Oct. 5th—Des Voeux v. William; Monday, Oct. 8th—Loring v. Kettwell. The final match will be played on Friday, Oct. 12th. By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel Raille and officers 22nd Bombay Infantry, the land of the Regiment will play. Play to commence at 4.15 p.m. each day.

**Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil**  
is an ideal Nutrient Tonic for Convalescents from Lung Disease, Influenza, and Fevers. Sold by all Chemists. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

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### TELEGRAMS.

[JULIEN'S SERVICE.]

#### THE ELECTIONS.

London, 2nd October.  
One hundred and eleven Unionists, thirty-seven Liberals and eight Nationalists have been elected. These returns include Sir Michael Hicks-Benck, Sir Edward Grey, Sir J. Gort and Lord George Hamilton. The Liberals have gained one seat and the Conservatives two.

#### THE WAR OFFICE REFORMS.

It is not improbable that Lord Kitchener will be selected to aid Lord Roberts at home as he aided in South Africa.

#### ANNEXATION OF COOK'S ISLANDS.

New Zealand has annexed Cook's Islands.

#### DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT OF BRITISH TARS.

As a rule the sailors which are sent out to the Far East from Home behave themselves in a fairly creditable manner. Unfortunately, however, for the good name of the British Navy, this cannot be said of four seamen belonging to H.M.S. *Argonaut*. These individuals John McElligott, Joseph Tanner, W. J. Enroll and Joseph Scott, have all landed in prison over the head of a reckless seaman they had last night. They appeared at the Magistracy this morning, charged with behaving in a disorderly manner in Queen's Road East, assaulting Chinese Constable 335, and also with breaking the Constable's whistle. The Constable said he was in Queen's Road East last night about midnight when he met the four defendants. The first defendant put his arms round a witness and struck him with his fist, the second defendant knocked off his helmet and the third took out his sword. Witness managed to blow his whistle, and he had no sooner done so than the fourth defendant snatched it out of his hand and threw it away. Assistance then came, and prisoners ran off. P. C. John Fyfe said he heard the whistle in the direction of St. Francis Street. He went there and saw the four defendants walking in the middle of the road. They denied having had anything to do with the lunking who was following them. The lunking's chain was hanging down, his helmet was gone and his sword-belt was empty. The sailors were perfectly sober. A garrison policeman said he was on duty in Wellington Barracks when he saw a sword thrown over the railings. He picked it up and gave it to the captain orderly. Lieut. Colonel Lawrence, of the R. W. F., said he assisted Constable Fyfe to arrest the four sailors. They were taken to No. 2 Police Station. Inspector Ford stated that, while he was investigating the charge against the prisoners, the first three defendants behaved in a most disorderly manner. They kept up a row of filthy and insulting language in the charge room. They frequently rushed across the room and even stepped on to the platform, on which witness's desk stood, shook their fists in his face and attempted to strike him several times. Mr. Hazeland, after commenting severely on the conduct of the prisoners, fined the first three \$10 with the alternative of fourteen days with hard labour on the charge of disorderly conduct in No. 2 Police Station, and for the disgraceful assault on the Constable all four would have to suffer fourteen days' hard labour, without the option of a fine.

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### TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

## THE POWERS AND CHINA.

### CHINA'S APPEAL TO GERMANY.

#### The Kaiser Inexorable.

#### MUST EXPIATE THE CRIMES.

#### THE EMPEROR INVITED TO PEKING.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)  
London, October 3, 2.50 a.m.

A message has been sent to Germany in the name of Kwang Su, the Emperor of China, intimating His Majesty's deep regret at the murder of Baron von Kotteler and the disturbances in North China, and stating that orders had been given for sacrifices to be performed in honour of the deceased German Minister.  
The message humbly hopes that the Kaiser will renounce his resentment against the Chinese.  
Kaiser William has replied that the outrageous crimes have not been atoned by the regrets of the Emperor and the funeral sacrifices. He urges the Emperor not to heed the ill-judged counsel given by his responsible advisers, and says that the only adequate expiation for the murder of Baron von Kotteler and the massacres of the Christians is the proper punishment of the officials responsible for the outrages, the Powers assisting China to inflict the punishment.

The Kaiser hopes Emperor Kwang Su will return to Peking, where he will be received with due ceremony by Count von Waldersee, the Commander-in-chief of the Allied Forces, and will be given military protection.  
Peace depends on full and adequate security being given that no further outrages will be made upon foreigners and missionaries in China, accompanied by full atonement for past crimes.

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### NAVIGATION OF THE WEST RIVER.

#### British Syndicate Withdraws from Trade.

Time and again the British shipping interested in the West River traffic have made representations, through the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, to Sir Claude Macdonald, the British Minister at Peking, regarding the restrictive regulations and differential treatment accorded to British vessels trading on the West River. The so-called concession of the opening up of the inland waters to foreign traffic has been proved, after long and patient trial, to be an utter farce. The steamers have been granted facilities to call at certain ports on the river, but the privilege of carrying passengers and cargo to some of the most frequented ports and busy market towns has been withheld in favour of launches flying the Chinese flag and native craft. The volume of trade between the ports of call has not been sufficiently remunerative, and the representations of the shippers regarding their differential treatment having been quietly ignored by Consular officials and the British Minister at Peking, the British syndicate that has endeavoured to promote and extend British interests in these regions, has given up the fight and withdrawn its steamers from the trade. The two steamers are practically new vessels and were placed on the run only last year. They are named the *Siamkai* and *Nichol*, after two of the open ports on the river, and were designed for towing lighters to be dropped at the ports on the upward voyage and picked up on the voyage down. Disheartened at the treatment accorded their ships and the want of support by the British authorities, the West River Syndicate accepted with alacrity an offer to purchase their vessels, and the steamers and lighters leave Hongkong at an early date for Taku, where they will be engaged in a brisk and lucrative trade until the ice closes the port of Tientsin for the season. The withdrawal of this Syndicate from the West River traffic is a decided loss of British prestige, as this is practically the withdrawal of all the vessels flying the British flag plying direct from Hongkong to the West River.

From Canton, the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s steamer *Lung-kiang* is still continuing to run to and from Wuchow and ports of call, but the recent occurrences at Luklau, in which the *Lung-kiang* played a prominent part, has resulted in a distinct threat of oppressive measures by the Imperial Maritime Customs, which if carried into effect will greatly hamper trade. It will be remembered that the steamer *Lung-kiang* was attacked on 24th September, while steaming through the Luklau channel, by crowds of men on each bank, who met the steamer with a fusillade of stones, and afterwards fired five shots into the after part of the vessel, slightly wounding the Chinese carpenter on the foot. It was reported that in retaliation for this outrage the British gunboat *Robin* steamed along to Luklau and bombarded the village. The truth of the matter is that the *Robin* went to Luklau, and a man from the bank hurled a stone at her, whereupon the gunboat treated the villagers to a display of marksmanship by firing 200 shots from a Maxim into a land bank! A petty mandarin came along and with profuse apologies for the outrage on the steamer, and promised to bamboo somebody. A coolie was captured and the punishment inflicted. And thus the incident ended so far as the people were concerned. But the Customs authorities have taken the opportunity afforded to caution the Captain of the *Lung-kiang* that he would be subjected to a fine by continuing to use the Luklau Channel. The *Lung-kiang* and other vessels on this trade have been using the Luklau Channel for three years with the full knowledge of the Customs officials, and a right of way can therefore be claimed as fairly established. This restriction is now imposed with the full consent and knowledge of the British Consul General at Canton. Could anything more puerile or undignified be imagined? A British vessel is fired upon and that incident closes her right to steam her regular course. It is painful to view the manner in which British officials consent to the humiliating of British prestige in China, and to concede one iota at the present stage would be disastrous. It was in consequence of the understood right to steam along these channels that the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. built the two latest additions to their fleet, the steam-wheelers *Nanning* and *Szean*, and to deprive them of the use of these channels means a prolongation of the voyage and a loss of the passengers to Shinghai and other places on the river. It is to be hoped that the British Government will not submit to this latest aggression of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs.

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### FRENCH GUNBOATS ORDERED TO CANTON.

The two French gunboats *Ayres* and *Pigade*, which were built by Thornycroft and Co., London, and sent out in sections and rebuilt in Hongkong by the Dock Company, have received orders to proceed up river to Canton. They were taking their stores on board to-day and will leave as soon as possible, probably to-night or early to-morrow morning. They are armed with two 90 millimetre guns and six Hotchkiss quick-firers. The vessels are specially well suited for patrolling the creeks and waterways of the delta land, where at present so much unrest prevails. In conjunction with the *Robin* and *Sandpiper* the French gunboats may succeed in quieting the disturbed districts and preserving as much of the mission property as still remains intact.

#### CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
CANTON, October 2.

#### East River Troubles.

#### Rumoured Rising in Wai Chau.

Report has it that the San Hop and the Sam Tin secret societies have assembled and together raised the standard of rebellion at a place called Tain Shui in the San On Districts. It is well known among the rebels that ample preparations have been made in the Kowloon hinterland to give a warm welcome to any armed incursionist. That fact is sufficient to turn the rebels towards Chinese territory.

It has long been the boast of the Wei Chau people that they alone were able to resist the attacks of the Tai Pings. For this reason the secret societies are said to have determined to begin with Wai Chau, make sure of it and then give their attention to the other Districts.

#### A West River Story.

A story is current among the Chinese to the following effect. Within the last few days Chinese launches going up the West River have been regularly boarded by the followers of a great and well-known robber chief whose honourable surname is Au. These men respectfully presented the call of their leader with the one word Au. When the Chinese on the steam launches is that he does not intend to do them any harm provided they faithfully carry out his order, which is that they are to be ready at any time on the shortest warning to hand over the launches to him for his use, and all in good condition.

#### FOOCHOW.

(Foochow Echo.)  
FOOCHOW, Sept. 29.

#### Pecc.

With the proved power of the Provincial authorities to preserve law and order it is almost unnecessary to say that the normal state of tranquillity has been maintained. Still it is as well at the end of another month to place the fact on record. The people of the province are naturally peaceable enough, but in times like the present they are very susceptible of ill-considered notions and agents of secret societies at work, and it is only the vigilance of the authorities that has prevented them making headway.

#### Opening of Missionary Schools.

The Missionary schools in the city and suburbs have been opened, and we learn that there is but little falling off in the number of pupils attending in any of them. But the Consuls have not thought it advisable for those missionaries whose work is away from Foochow to return to their stations just at present, and therefore they will remain here or at their sanatoriums for the time being.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### KOWLOON WATER SUPPLY.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

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